

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, claims 1-6, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,385,647 to Willis et al. ("*Willis*"). Also, claims 7, 8, 11 and 12 are objected to. Claims 13-16 have been newly added, and claims 1-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that the rejections have been overcome for at least those reasons set forth below.

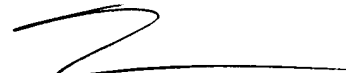
At the outset, claims 7, 8, 11, and 12 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. See, Office Action, page 4. In response, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer and added claims 13-16 that essentially incorporate the limitations of claims 7, 8, 11 and 12, in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any interviewing claims, respectively. Therefore, claims 13-16 should be considered allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of same.

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